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PROTECTION TO TAJ MAHAL FROM POLLUTION
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB) had notified a total areaof 10400 sq. kilometers to be pollution free around the Taj Mahal in Agra in 1981-82 but the Rajasthan State Pollution Control Board has been violating the said directions with impunity endangering the Taj; and

(b) if so, the steps taken to ensure complete protection to Taj Mahal and compliance of CPCB directions?

Answer

MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI T.R. BAALU)

(a) & (b) No, Sir. However, several steps have been taken for protection of the Taj Mahal which include the following:-

1. A Taj Trapezium Zone Pollution (Prevention & Control) Authority has been constituted by the Government of India in 1999 to monitor the progress of the implementation of the various schemes for the protection and improvement of the environment in the Taj Trapezium Zone.

2. A Mission Management Board has been constituted to oversee the implementation & monitor the schemes for the protection of the Taj and its environment.

3. Schemes for continuous air quality monitoring, improvement of power supply, water supply, solid waste management, road construction and plantation in the TTZ area have been undertaken for the protection of the Taj Mahal.